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Editorial Rooms ..... 167**THE DRAINAGE MEETING.**

A NY meeting which has for its purpose discussion of drainage for the Albuquerque valley is important, but the meeting called for tonight in the Commercial club is probably the most important industrial gathering of the kind ever announced here in that practical plans for draining the valley are to be proposed and discussed.

We have come to a point in our local development when further progress of any substantial character means the use of our tributary farming lands. We can make no effective use of these lands until drainage has been provided. Anything therefore that will bring about drainage is of the utmost importance to this city and to every owner of property of any kind. It is not alone the land-owner who has an interest in this meeting tonight. Every owner of property in Albuquerque, whether it is land, merchandise, or what, will be benefited, helped and pushed on to greater growth and prosperity if we can nail up around us a producing farming district.

The meeting tonight is not one to discuss subscriptions or contributions. It is to discuss a resource which we have and which we know we have, a resource of almost limitless value which up to this time we have utterly failed to appreciate or take advantage of.

It is anticipated that the meeting tonight will be told that the simple construction of an open drainage canal with its lateral, will lower the water table in this valley four feet, and that this can be done without considering any change in the channel of the river, a work so huge that only the federal government can hope to carry it through successfully.

Lowering the water table between Alameda and Isleta by four feet means restoring 25,000 acres of sterile and worthless swamp and subjugated land to use.

Adding 25,000 acres of irrigated, producing land to this valley means an addition of two and a half to three million dollars in the assessed value of property in Bernalillo county, outside the city limits of Albuquerque. Property values in Albuquerque have gone up and up, and thereafter have gone up some more. But never in the memory of the oldest inhabitants have assessed values in the county outside this city advanced a nickel. When the county, our tributary district, begins to grow in value, the load upon Albuquerque property owners will begin to ease up.

This meeting tonight has in its possibilities of the very first importance to this city. Every man with his personal interests in mind, and with an eye whatever to future prosperity and solid growth, will go to the club and become familiar with the drainage movement. It is the first time it has ever been entitled to be called a movement. Up to this time talk of drainage has all been dreams and stuff. But now we are about to step off on solid ground. It is worth while starting with the movement.

**THE FUTURE OF SILVER.**

LAST week a group of southern New Mexico men advertised in a number of newspapers a producing silver mine for sale at a bargain. The advertisements appeared only once. The mine was investigated and sold almost overnight. There is a demand for silver properties again such as has not existed since the late eighties and in this demand is another bright forecast of increased prosperity for New Mexico where silver mining has been at a standstill for years. In a number of counties it is now probable that primary silver mining will be resumed immediately on a large scale, as a result of the phenomenal rise of the white metal—a rise which experts assert will suffer no serious setback for years to come. In reviewing silver's remarkable advance Zimmerman and Foydas of New York have the following to say regarding the present position of the metal and what the future has in store for it:

Never in the memory of the oldest miners of silver have conditions governing the supply and demand been so unique. The increase in demand is not only for actual use, but

for speculative purposes, the rapid rise having tempted investors in all parts of the United States to take a slice in the white metal and to hold on until within a small fraction of the top, having protected themselves by leases or options which they follow annually.

The immensely increased circulation of money to the west, carried on the states, which has plus cultured for over a year and a half leaves a surplus after living expenses and has resulted in a very healthy demand for silverware and silver articles, in anticipation of the continuance of which the speculators are taking every effort to protect their full resources.

It is becoming more apparent from day to day that at the conclusion of the European trouble there must be some adjustment of balances, especially to the extent of the creation of a greater limit at which silver will be taken as a legal tender, as gold has practically disappeared from circulation, and the immense debt accruing through the war being out of all proportion to our gold reserves, a new medium must necessarily be created with but one resource—silver.

The issues of financial currencies from the various countries—recall the old shingle of our own war of 1861. These issues are probably silver currency and must eventually be retired from circulation, as they are emergency issues only.

The transportation facilities from the states are now down to a minimum with only one occasional American line boat in the White Star service.

The combined transportation of silver in one week is hardly sufficient to fill one mint order from any of the European countries. Russia is the only exception as all metals coming from our port as silver for their account is shipped via San Francisco to the Japan route which are at the present time coming for the Russian government.

The entire known stock in London is less than 5,000,000 ounces.

An embargo recently enacted by the government of Mexico prohibits the exportation of either gold or silver and, if rigidly enforced, will very materially reduce the floating supply, so even with the closing down of several mines a fair estimate of 30,000,000 ounces per annum would not be much out of the way.

All the copper, lead and zinc mining companies in the states are driving to their capacity to take advantage of the prevailing high prices and in consequence delivering to the market a much increased supply of silver which only figures as a by-product with them, but helps somewhat to offset the shrinkage from Mexico.

There has been no appreciable loss in the shipments from the United States as the wartime tax imposed has been lighter down to a minimum and will not be a very heavy burden on any prosperous producing mine.

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If a woman leaves her relatives for her husband the community, in time, forgets it. But the husband has a few slight reasons through the showing over of some large speculative holdings that we will see something but bitter peices, and, even should the war suddenly cease and silver take a quick jump, as was the case upon the announcement of armistice between Russia and Japan, it will soon come into its own again and enjoy its position with the same of the metals that have had material and substantial advances.

**THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.**

IT is to be hoped that the existence of serious contests over places in the delegation to the national convention at St. Louis will not suffice to keep at home the Democratic delegations to the state convention in this city a week from Wednesday. None has its delegates and chief of these in politics is indifference. The Herald has noted the harmony existing in the various county conventions thus far held to elect delegates to the Albuquerque convention. This is a source of satisfaction to all Democrats. We have noticed also that delegates in several counties are refusing to send proxies because of the long journeys and the lack of matters of great im-

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portance to come before the convention.

In other words this is not a nominating convention and many delegates who would not hesitate at double the mileage were candidates to be chosen are reluctant to make an expensive trip for a convention merely to choose delegates to a national convention.

Democrats who accept positions on their county delegations to this convention should come in person. The proxy is a badge of party indifference and the presence of any considerable number of proxies in the convention here next week would be a serious blow to party enthusiasm and organization in the more strenuous work that will follow the convention.

It is not unlikely that the coming convention may develop matters of the very greatest importance to the Democratic party throughout the state. For one thing, it is not improbable that formal announcement may be made at this convention of A. A. Jones' candidacy for the United States senate. It is absolutely certain that during this convention there will be a vitally important adjustment of forces which will have much to do with the selection of candidates on the state ticket in the nomination convention to follow.

Let every Democrat who is elected a delegate to the convention here next week attend that convention in person. If he expects to take even a passing interest in party affairs, it is his purpose to be an active figure in his home county or in the state, the individual delegate will find it to his advantage to be here and participate actively in the proceedings of the convention. Certainly the party will suffer and suffer seriously if indifference keeps at home the delegates who belong to the Democratic party here chosen as their representatives.

If the individual Democrat wishes or expects to have an active part in choosing the state ticket, if we expect enthusiasm and hard work and winning organization later in the year, now is the time for every Democrat to step out in front and show signs of active vigorous life.

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**THE UNIVERSAL SELF-QUESTION.**  
Can I .....  
Get by? .....

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A New York woman is advertising for a husband she lost in 1898. How long does it take the statue of limitations to run on a lost husband?

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